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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

An Appendix including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 16 of this paper.